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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Date: 12 May 1977

TO: DDA

FROM: EA/DCI

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Item for Director's Notes on
Ambassador Cleveland.

Please deliver ASAP - for Monday's
issue.

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ACTION

Remarks of Ambassador Harlan Cleveland, CIA Auditorium, 10 May 1977

In his remarks Tuesday, Ambassador Cleveland addressed the issue of ethics and security in government. Secrecy, he said, is unquestionably necessary at times in both foreign and domestic affairs. However, because the need for secrecy can be easily rationalized, it is sometimes imposed for the wrong reasons and can influence policy adversely. He argued that the smaller the circle of policy-makers who "need to know," the more unlikely dissenting opinion will be heard and a full range of options explored. The benefits of security must always be weighed in light of the national interest which is sometimes better served by free and open debate.

Regarding efforts to codify ethical standards for the actions of the Intelligence Community or any other government agency, he agreed the task was worth undertaking but was indeed difficult; that too broad standards would not be helpful to the person faced with a difficult decision, and too restrictive standards would have to be so encumbered with exceptions that they would also not be helpful. He suggested instead that we consider a question he uses to test whether or not a contemplated action meets his ethical standards:

If this action is held up to public scrutiny, will
I still feel that it is what I should have done and
how I should have done it?

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12 May 77

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

Mr. Tom Farmer, the new Chairman of the IOB, would like to get a secure telephone network set up between his office and that of Senator Gore and Governor Scranton. There is some indication that provision has been made for this,

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Would you let me know whether he can be accommodated with a secure network for the IOB members.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:



11 MAY 1977

FROM:

DCI

1. Admiral Holloway phoned me today to inform me that there will be a Commander-in-Chiefs Conference on the 14th and 15th of July. I had asked to have CINCSOUTH and all four-star Naval officers included in these. He is doing that, and hence is sending me all the information on this one even though he realizes I probably will not want or be able to attend.

2. I told him I would very much like to attend one of the luncheons or the social events just to see all those top people, but not to participate in the conference. We'll get the details and then select when I participate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

Attached is a point paper I picked up on the Soviet issue. In the second paragraph there are several particular allegations as to what the Soviets may have achieved as a result of their exploitation of this issue in a commercial area. I'd appreciate knowing whether we have any evidence that corroborates these two specific allegations. I'd appreciate a general appraisal of the paper.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

1. On Friday, 6 May 1977, Senator Domenici of New Mexico asked me to visit with him. He would like to get a classified and an unclassified briefing on Soviet penetration activities in Southern Africa. He is specifically interested in unclassified material that he can use in speeches to bring out the duplicity of the Soviets in criticizing us for interference in other countries affairs while they are in fact doing much of this in Southern Africa.

2. The briefing could extend to Soviet support for Cuban activities and in turn the Cuban interference.

3. I've promised him we would be back to him in writing and with an offer of an oral presentation some time this week.

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